

poised and courageous. On June 29, 1999 James Hormel was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, thus becoming the first and only openly gay Ambassador in United States history. He served his term with great distinction. Mr. Hormel is an inspiration to us all.

I join Jim's partner, Timothy Wu, and his five children, Alison, Anne, Diz, Sarah, and James Jr. in recognizing the achievements of my constituent and dear friend, Ambassador James C. Hormel, and acknowledging his contributions and on-going commitment to human rights, social justice and the betterment of our nation.

TOM KNITTER LEAVES MILWAUKEE'S THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL AFTER 33 YEARS

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to publicly thank Mr. Tom Knitter, an outstanding educator and community leader from my district, who is moving on to a new set of challenges and opportunities in California.

Tom Knitter first began teaching social studies and physical education at Pio Nono High School in 1968. Ten years later, when Pio Nono merged with my alma mater, Don Bosco, Tom settled in at the newly formed Thomas More High School, where he became the assistant principal. With Tom as its wrestling coach from 1973 to 1982, the school brought home three state championships. In 1987 he was named principal of Thomas More, and seven years later he became the school's first president.

Since that time Tom has worked tirelessly as the school's chief executive officer. He has been responsible for its strategic planning, development, finances, and marketing for the better part of a decade. On July 21, 2001, Tom celebrates his 33-year association with Thomas More High School, and says goodbye, as he leaves for a position with Garces High School in Bakersfield, California.

Tom is leaving behind many friends, memories, and most importantly, many lives that were touched by his unparalleled dedication to molding today's students of Thomas More High School into tomorrow's leaders. The people of Bakersfield are privileged to gain the services of a talented educator with such a passion for his work.

The void left by the departure of Tom and Josie, his wife of 30 years, will not be easily filled. In addition to his responsibilities as the head of a National Blue Ribbon School, he has worked with groups such as the Healthier Communities Initiative, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Marketing Committee, and the National Catholic Education Association.

And so, it is with both great appreciation and sadness that I join the entire community at Thomas More High School in thanking Tom Knitter for his 33 years of exemplary service, and wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state on the record that my vote on Roll Call Vote 248 (final passage for H.R. 2500, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2002) did not register. I inserted my voting card into the machine and voted aye, but my vote did not register. This is the second time that this has occurred this year on the final passage of a bill, despite the fact that my voting card was recently replaced after it would not work at all. While I realize that human error can be involved in this situation, the fact that I was in the Chamber and voting, and my card has malfunctioned so many times in the past, I think it is self-evident that my vote should have been recorded as aye on Roll Call Vote 248 and I ask unanimous consent that this statement appear after Roll Call Vote No. 248 in the permanent CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW ALEXANDER ENGEL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Matthew Alexander Engel. The Boy Scouts of his troop will honor him as they recognize his achievements by giving him the Eagle Scout honor.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

This award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Mr. Engel, and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition. Congratulations to Matthew and his family.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE VIRGINIA MAE DAYS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Judge Virginia Mae Days, who is retiring after more than 20 years on the bench of the Santa Clara County Superior Court. When Governor Edmund Brown Jr. appointed her in 1981, Judge Mae Days was the first Latina on the bench in Santa Clara County.

A lifelong resident of the Bay Area, Virginia Mae Days was born in San Jose in 1934. She served in the US Navy WAVES during the Korean War, earning both the National Defense Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. After the war, Judge Days attended the University of California at Berkeley for both her undergraduate and graduate years, earning her law degree there in 1963.

Judge Days' long record of service to Santa Clara County includes 6 years as the mayor of Morgan Hill and terms on Santa Clara County's drug abuse commission, regional criminal justice planning board and human relations commissions. Immediately prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Days was the Director of the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Throughout her tenure on the Court, Judge Virginia Mae Days has been a strong role model for the community. She summed this philosophy up best in March of 2000 at a dinner honoring the groundbreaking women jurists of Santa Clara County: "The more the bench reflects the community, the fairer the process."

I want to thank Judge Mae Days for her many years of service to our community and wish her nothing but the best in this next phase of her life.

IN HONOR OF HERBERT AND MARION SANDLER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Herbert and Marion Sandler for their longstanding at entrepreneurial and philanthropic commitment to the San Francisco community. Today, Thursday, July 19 in my district, Herbert and Marion Sandler will be inducted into the Bay Area Business Hall of Fame. They are most deserving of this honor and I am proud to acknowledge their contributions on this occasion.

Herbert and Marion Sandler co-founded Golden West Financial Corporation in Oakland, California in 1963. As Chief Executive Officers and Chairmen of the Board, they have had phenomenal success in building Golden West Financial into a Fortune 500 company. With 420 offices and \$57 billion in assets, it is the third largest savings and loan in the country today.

Marion Sandler has been recognized by Fortune Magazine as one of the most powerful women in business today. By being one of the first women to break through the Fortune 500